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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was irregular, but overall mostly steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair, but slightly better where ads were active. Food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food channels. Supplies were mixed, but usually sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair to fairly good. Wings were close balanced to short and moving well. Dark meat was adequate to closely cleared with boneless thigh meat and legs frequently tight. Boneless skinless breasts were close balanced, but all other cuts were mostly adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 69.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 72.00 cents last year on November 30, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	149.50
BREASTS - B/S	117.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50
LEG QUARTERS	30.00
WINGS	93.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair with few features present. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets where promoted. Supplies of all sizes were in balance to available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings were balanced to tight and moving well, and dark meat was adequate to closely cleared. Breast items were sufficient to close balanced with tenders and boneless skinless receiving best interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonal, but at least fair. Offerings were irregular but still adequate for current requirements. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady, but somewhat improved. In the parts complex, wings and thigh meat were well cleared to often short of needs. Breast items were clearing satisfactorily. Other dark meat items were improving.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional whole fryers were light, but adequate for the limited interest. Demand into retail channels was seasonally light with featured items providing best call. Movement into distributive sectors ranged light to good with fast food fair to good and mixed into sit down restaurants. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Weights were mostly desirable to instances heavy. In the parts complex, supplies of wings, boneless thigh meat and leg meat were tight; and adequate to closely balanced on other dark meat cuts and boneless skinless breasts. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, steady to fully steady on dark meat items, and steady to firm on boneless skinless breasts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to instances heavier than desired. The market tone mixed on parts, fully steady overall.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 25, 2006. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 25, 2006. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 25, 2006 were 8.10 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 11/25/06			
EGGS SET	209,492	215,393	-03
CHICKS PLACED	161,965	169,218	-04

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 06-Jan-07 is estimated at 146.6 million head. This compares to 146.0 million head the previous week and to 156.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.33 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 29, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	666	90.00-175.00	-	99.55	BREAST - B/S	686	91.00-172.00	-	102.21
TENDERLOINS	158	90.00-165.00	-	95.06	TENDERLOINS	173	92.00-167.00	-	95.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	129	62.00-72.00	65-68	66.12	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	181	30.00-46.00	-	30.96	LEGS	188	30.00-46.00	-	31.53
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	21.00-29.00	22-23	22.73	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	610	21.00-29.00	22-23	22.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	784	22.00-32.00	25	24.91	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	809	22.00-33.00	25	25.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	76.00-89.00	79-82	81.89	WINGS (WHOLE)	303	77.00-89.00	79-82	82.33
WINGS (CUT)	315	96.00-104.00	99-101	100.06	WINGS (CUT)	300	97.00-106.00	99-102	101.45
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.00-44.00	39.87	38.00-44.00	39.96	39.94

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was light to moderate for midweek business. Immediate offerings of boneless skinless breasts were irregular but about sufficient for trade needs; b/s thigh meat and wings were usually short and often hard to find. Most other dark meat cuts were adequate, but improved. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on boneless skinless thigh meat and wings; steady to fully steady on the balance of items, but in a full range of steady to firm.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

NOVEMBER 28, 2006				NOVEMBER 29, 2006			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	96.74	863,340	BREAST - B/S	100-105	99.57	644,586
TENDERLOINS	85-90	92.24	316,076	TENDERLOINS	85-90	95.05	174,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	67.28	89,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	73.83	52,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	61.58	77,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	62	59.17	54,000
LEGS	39-40	37.55	131,120	LEGS	39-40	37.02	224,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.75	374,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.23	229,600
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	32.18	123,690	DRUMSTICKS	26-27	30.64	101,880
THIGHS	26-27	36.69	64,880	THIGHS	26-27	34.60	51,300
B/S THIGHS	86-87	81.91	147,780	B/S THIGHS	87-88	82.11	114,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	91.34	238,310	WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	92.64	227,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.39	24,050	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.01	18,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	16.63	66,934	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.55	10,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.36	21,400	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	72.29	25,280

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)									AVG	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY		
	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS		DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE	
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)					
	11/29	11/28	11/27	11/24	11/27	11/24	11/22	11/20				
Alabama	3,880	3,934	3,805	3,595	5.55	5.09	3,438	5.58		FRESH FRYERS	91-100	
Arkansas	5,142	5,355	5,254	3,638	5.47	5.58	4,877	5.33		ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108	
Delmarva	2,310	2,290	2,180	2,559	6.05	5.89	2,234	5.80		HENS UNDER 5#	-	
KY-LA-TN	2,369	2,398	2,317	1,481	5.28	4.92	1,850	5.11		HENS OVER 5#	65-74	
Mississippi	2,846	2,834	2,866	2,071	5.96	6.27	2,682	5.80		DUCKS	-	
N Carolina	2,680	2,672	2,652	1,864	6.98	6.62	2,601	6.88		RABBITS-WHOLE	-	
Texas	2,517	2,511	2,541	2,331	5.41	5.42	2,500	5.29		RABBITS-CUT UP	-	
Total	21,744	21,994	21,615	17,238	5.77	5.64	20,182	5.65		<u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
Mon-Wed	65,672(A)						63,481(A)			<u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>		
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.										FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Nov-06 is estimated to											DRY PACK	110-114
be 32,531,000 head up 7.42 percent from a week ago and up 2.37 percent										ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
from a year ago. (Last week 30,285,000, last year 31,777,000)											DRY PACK	111-118
										HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
											DRY PACK	100-107
										DUCKS		190-195

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-DEC-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/02/06 (1)	11/25/06
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	168,798 (2)	123,941
Light hens	882	600
Heavy hens	1,530	937
Total	171,210	125,478

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Dec-06 is 156.8 million head compared to 166.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.1 million head or 12.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 09-Dec-06 the estimated available is 156.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/27/06	38,934	65,517
AM 11/01/06	85,621	63,338
CHG	-46,687	2,179
PCT CHG	-55	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/27/06	11/20/06	11/28/05	11/27/06	11/20/06	11/28/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	1,191	1,180	1,923	9,468	9,480	4,788
LOS ANGELES	246	236	44	2,812	2,873	2,731

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2006

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69-80

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/28/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.00	1.90	1.30	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	5.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.25	5.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.60	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	2.10	1.70	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	6.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	82						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending November 24, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	66.70	152.34	82.35	20.59	8.23	78.23
High	71.23	160.58	98.82	28.82	12.35	78.23
Mostly	70.82	156.46	90.58	24.70	8.23	78.23
SAN JUAN						
Low	65.88	152.34	86.46	20.59	8.23	79.05
High	71.23	160.58	98.82	24.70	12.35	79.05
Mostly	71.23	152.34	90.58	24.70	8.23	79.05
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	65.88	156.46	90.58	20.59	8.23	78.23
High	71.23	160.58	98.82	24.70	12.35	78.23
Mostly	71.23	160.58	94.70	24.70	12.35	78.23
BECERRA						
Low	67.52	160.58	90.58	20.59	8.23	82.35
High	72.46	164.69	102.93	28.82	12.35	82.35
Mostly	72.46	160.58	94.70	24.70	12.35	82.35

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair. Offerings were irregular, fully adequate at some points, occasionally tight on the heavier weight sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights continued to vary in a full range. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to closely cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

50-74
(A)
(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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